by 2300 sq. km in the period October, 1992 to November, 1993. According to State of Forest, 1995, estimated growing stock of bamboo of the country and State of Maharashtra are 36,371 and 5,156 thousand cubic metres respectively. No further assessment of bamboo stock has been made.

(b) and (c) An outlay of Rs. 443.81 lakhs has been earmarked for State of Maharashtra under Ninth Five Year Plan under centrally sponsored afforestation scheme Non-timber Forest Produce which includes raising of bamboo plantations. Following are the details of. amount provided in the last three years:—

1997-1998	Rs. 38.51 lakhs.
1998-1999	Rs. 48.67 lakhs.
1999-2000	—

Transfers of Deputy Conservators of Forests

3688. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers of the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests are transferred from one district to another after putting in tenure of three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some such officers who have put in more than three years of tenure are still continuing at Silvasa and Daman and some other places;

(c) if so, the reasons of their overstay and the time by which those are likely to be transferred; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) The Union Ministry of Environment & Forests is the Cadre Controlling Authority for the Arunachal Pradesh - Goa - Mizoram - Union Territories (AGMUT) joint cadre of Indian Forest Service. There is, no fixed tenure for Indian Forest Service Officers of the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests at a particular station. In the exigencies of public service, they are transferred from one station to another from time to time. The question of overstay, therefore, does not arise.